sault Jehovah's people more vigorously than at any time, probably, and yet, regardless thereof, and without fear of man or devil, but trusting wholly in the Lord, they press on fulfilling the commandments that God has given them. They are not under Satan's organization and have no fear. They know that Satan may actually kill their organism, but only God can destroy their right to life, and for this reason Jesus warns them to fear not him that can kill the body, but fear only Him who can destroy the right to life in Gehenna. Trusting implicitly in Jehovah and his great Vindicator, the faithful remnant have been delivered by the great Vindicator and no more fear the Devil and his agents.

'LOOSING THE FOUR ANGELS'

26 The word "angels" does not always apply to creatures having a spirit organism, but often means a commissioned messenger with a message from Jehovah God. Spirit creatures with spirit bodies accompany Christ Jesus as his servants and serve at the temple. (Matt. 25: 31) At Revelation 9: 13 Christ Jesus at the temple, and who is the great High Priest of Jehovah, is shown giving direction to the sixth angel that had the trumpet saying: "Loose the four angels [commissioned messengers] that are bound [who have been bound (*Diaglott*)] at the great river Euphrates." (Rev. 9: 14, *A.R.V.*) The number four here used signifies the organization of Jehovah's witnesses in the four quarters of the earth, in a strong working body, doing the service of Jesus Christ under commandment from Christ Jesus and Jehovah. The fact that the command is given to loose them shows that up to a time certain they have been bound. Heretofore this scripture has been applied to the "great multitude"; but that could not be the correct application. The "four angels" or commissioned messengers are all of Jehovah's witnesses anointed and commissioned and commanded by him to bear the testimony of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. The language used clearly implies that these witnesses must first be loosed from restraint and then be prepared and equipped for the work assigned to them. Now, by the grace of the Lord, we have clearer light as to who constitutes the great multitude, and applying the well-known facts to the prophecy it seems clear that the application to the anointed remnant who constitute the commissioned witnesses of Jehovah in the earth at the present time is the correct application. These are the ones referred to when the great prophet said: "Loose the four angels."

27 During the World War period the faithful servant class were in prison or restraint by Satan's organization. Their release took place in March, 1919, and on the 27th day of March, 1919, efforts were begun to organize and carry forward the witness work. At that time there was no organization prepared for the work. It was then that God 'took his woman into the wilderness', that is to say, the people of his organization into the condition which he had prepared for them. (Rev. 12: 14) This preparatory work progressed and reached a climax in July, 1927, at the Toronto convention, when the proclamation was sent forth "To the Peoples of Christendom", and supported by a public address, both of which shortly thereafter were issued in a publication under the title "Freedom for the People", and millions of copies of which were distributed throughout "Christendom".

28 Responding to the commandment given it is written: "And the four angels were loosed, that had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men." (Rev. 9: 15, *A.R.V.*) That loosing, which began in 1919 and which reached a climax in the forward movement in 1927, was done by the Greater Cyrus. Christ Jesus commanded that his angel, who held the sixth trumpet, should give the signal to go. Everything was prepared, and the onward march began with great zeal. (Ps. 146: 7; Isa. 45: 1, 13) It was then that Jehovah's witnesses were turned loose upon "Christendom" to do the work which God had provided for them to do. That convention at Toronto was announced in *The Watchtower* as "a service convention", which indeed it was. It was there that God's people introduced themselves to the people of "Christendom" as "witnesses to the name of Jehovah God", marking them as the people whom God has taken out for his name. (See *The Watchtower* 1927, page 307.) "The four angels," that is to say, Jehovah's anointed witnesses, scattered to the four corners of the earth, were now better prepared than they had previously been to carry the message of God and his kingdom to the people. That marked the beginning of a campaign calling upon the people to break away from the bondage of Satan's organization and declare themselves for Jehovah and his kingdom. The following quotation from the booklet *Freedom for the Peoples,* and from *The Watchtower,* and which message began to be delivered July 24, 1927, seems here appropriate:

"The people desire peace, freedom, prosperity, life and happiness. All thinking persons must now see these can come only from God's kingdom through Christ. They can never be realized by or through the false system called 'organized Christianity'. The hypocritical and evil course of 'Christendom' is an insult to God and to Christ. It is the deceiver and oppressor of the people. It is completely under the control of Satan the Devil. It depends for its support and maintenance upon the multitudes of peoples, while at the same time it continues to defraud and oppress the people. Let the multitudes of peoples completely and entirely withdraw all support morally, financially, and otherwise from 'Christendom', or 'organized Christianity' so called. Let them give their hearts' devotion and allegiance entirely to God and to Christ, the Prince of Peace, who is now earth's rightful King.